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CONVICT FORMULATES UNION POLICY

Castro Out To 'Liberate' Puerto Rico

By FULTON LEWIS JR.

WASHINGTON. — The Central Intelligence Agency has alerted Administration leaders to a new madness by Cuba's Fidel Castro: A project "to work for the liberation of Puerto Rico."

It could be the final straw in Washington tolerance toward the

Castro dictatorship.

Castro's chief lieutenant in the

subject is Daniel Salvador, a

member of the

S. head of the Cuban Federation of Labor and a key

figure in the

Communist underground be-

fore and during the revolution.

He operated under the code name

"Matia."

Intelligence reports say

Salvador has three leading

Communist leaders with whom he op-

erated in the underground: La-

zaro Pena, also an incendiary la-

borer; Blas Roca, the Com-

munist Party boss; and Rafael

Chargues, a specialist in insur-

rection.

The campaign already is under-

way on the Cuban radio with

diatribes of anti-American

propaganda designed particularly for

Puerto Rican consumption. The

Cuban government radio has op-

erated for a U. S. revolution.

It propagandized heavily on Sa-

lvador's supremacy, and has

used American officials of

the ship in "a crime syndi-

cate which is waging a gangster

campaign against Cuba."

In Puerto Rico, the tie-in

between the Communists and the

so-called nationalist movement is

an established fact to the

effect that the House Un-Ameri-

can Activities Committee recently



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held hearings on the subject in

San Juan.

ALMOST CERTAIN chairman

of the coming Democratic Na-

tional Convention is Louisiana's

Hale Boggs, 20-year veteran of

the House . . . one rival, Mis-

souri's Richard Bolling, is out be-

cause of his open championing

of that state's Sen. Stuart Sym-

ington . . . Another, Rep. John

McCormack of Massachusetts, is

a bitter factional enemy of Sen.

John Kennedy, and himself is sup-

porting Boggs . . . The GOP

fathers are inclining toward Sen-

ate leader Everett Dirksen of Il-

linois because House Leader

Charlie Halleck is a working

candidate for the vice presidency.

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JIMMY HOFFA'S Teamsters

Union is probably the only one in

the country where a top official

can formulate high-level policy

while lolling in a prison cell, and

then get a "furlough" to attend

an executive meeting.

When Hoffa's executive commit-

tee broke up after three days of

conferences here 10 days ago, the

committee's 15 members returned

to their various locals and coun-

cils across the country. All except

one — Frank Matula Jr., who

returned to his cell at the Los

Angeles county jail where he is

currently doing time for perjury.

Matula was deeply involved in a

Los Angeles rubbish-collection

racket, using his post as secre-

tary-treasurer of Local 396 to con-

trol the dump sites and keep the

competition away. The matter

came to the attention of a com-

mittee of the State Legislature,

which called Matula for question-

ing. The committee decided that

Matula, in addition to being a

Teamster official, was also a liar.

A Superior Court jury found

Matula guilty of perjury, a de-

clared law, and sentenced him

to 12 months in prison.

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